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SUBJECT: MFA RENEWAL

REF: STATE 38558

1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED REFTTEL WITH PAT MCCABE, COUNSELLOR IN CHARGE OF TRADE AFFAIRS AT IRISH DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. WE OUTLINED US POSITION IN DETAIL AND URGED IMMEDIATE RENEWAL OF MFA WITHOUT CHANGE. MCCABE SAID THAT US POSITION ON MFA ALREADY WELL UNDERSTOOD IN EC CIRCLES.

2. IN THE CASE OF IRELAND, MCCABE SAID THE IRISH TEXTILE INDUSTRY IS VERY TRADITIONAL AND FOR MANY YEARS ENJOYED HIGH TARIFF PROTECTION

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IN RECENT YEARS THE IRISH INDUSTRY HAS BEEN SEVERELY DEPRESSED AND HAS SUFFERED A VERY SHARP DECLINE IN EMPLOYMENT. HE DESCRIBED THE INDUSTRY AS BEING "AGAINST THE WALL". THERE HAS BEEN SEVERE IMPORT PENETRATION, AND THERE HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANT IMPORT SUBSTITUTION

IN THE LOWER END OF THE MARKET. REGARDING THE GOI ATTITUDE

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TOWARD MFA, THE PROBLEM IS ONE OF STRONG DOMESTIC PRESSURE WHICH IS DIFFICULT, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE, TO RESIST DURING A PERIOD OF VERY HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT IN GENERAL THROUGHOUT IRELAND.

3. REGARDING MFA RENEWAL, IRISH DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DOES NOT DISPUTE ASSESSMENT THAT DEMANDS FOR CHANGES BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WOULD PRODUCE TROUBLESOME SOUNTER-DEMANDS BY LDCE. IRISH,

HOWEVER, REGARD THE SITUATION IN IRELAND AS BEING SO BAD ALREADY THAT IT IS WORTH THE RISK TO PRESS FOR CHANGES THAT WOULD BENEFIT IRELAND SPECIFICALLY. ALSO, GOI DOES NOT FEEL EXISTING MFA MECHANISM HAS BEEN ADEQUATE IN MEETING IRISH NEEDS. IN THE COREPER MEETING, MARCH 3, THE IRISH REPRESENTATIVE WILL ARGUE IN FAVOR OF THE CONCEPT OF GLOBALIZATION OF RESTRICTIONS, MEASURES TO RESTRICT THE GROWTH RATE OF IMPORTS AND MEASURES TO DEAL WITH HAND LOOM PRODUCTS. GOI REGARDS THE MOST PRESSING PROBLEM AS RESTRICTION OF GROWTH RATES. CURLEY

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